## Statement on the Swearing-In of Benjamin Netanyahu as Prime Minister of Israel December 29, 2022

Today Israel's Knesset voted to ratify a new Israeli Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. I look forward to working with Prime Minister Netanyahu, who has been my friend for decades, to jointly address the many challenges and opportunities facing Israel and the Middle East region, including threats from Iran. The United States is working to promote a region that's increasingly integrated, prosperous, and secure, with benefits for all of its people. From the start of my administration, we have worked with partners to promote this more hopeful vision of a region at peace, including between Israelis and Palestinians. We aim to continue this important work with Israel's new Government under Prime Minister Netanyahu's leadership. And as we have throughout my administration, the United States will continue to support the two-state solution and to oppose policies that endanger its viability or contradict our mutual interests and values.

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